

William Fischer shortly after departs this life, without having paid to this defendant, the residue of the purchase money, or received a Deed of Conveyance for the said lot - that since the death of said William Fischer the balance of said purchase money has been fully paid and satisfied to this defendant, by George J. Fischer, one of the executors of said William Fischer that since said last mentioned payment, this defendant has been ready & willing to make & execute, a good and valid deed of Conveyance, for said lot of ground, to any person, or persons, entitled to the same, but that owing to the conflicting claims to said lot, on the part of the devisees, and heir at law, of said William Fischer, this defendant has not yet executed a deed of Conveyance for the same, under the order of your Honorable Court to such person, or persons as your Honor shall decide to be entitled to the same. This defendant has no knowledge of the other allegations of said Bill of Complaint, but believes, and admits them to be true, and is willing a decree shall pass as therein prayed. and this defendant prays to be hence dismissed with his reasonable Costs, &c.

John A. Steiner.

"Endorsed?" 1854 June 16. I hereby agree, to accept the within answer, without Oath, to have the same effect as if sworn to.

Grayson Eichelberger.  
Soll'r for Compt.

The following answer was filed 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 54.

The separate answer of George J. Fischer, one of the defendants to the Bill of Complaint of Joseph Bevan, and Sarah Bevan, his wife, and others, filed against this defendant & others, being No. 2561, in the Circuit Court, for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity. This defendant reserving to himself, all manner of advantage of exception to the manifold errors, and uncertainties in said Bill of Complaint - Contained, for answer thereto says he admits that William Fischer made & executed his last will, and Testament, in due form of Law, and departed this life in the month of February A.D. 1852, without having in any manner revoked the same. That said last will, and Testament was duly admitted to probate, and Recorded in the office of the Register of Wills, for Washington County, in the District of Columbia - and that a true, and Certified Copy thereof has been duly Recorded in the office of the Register of Wills, for Frederick County, in the State of Maryland, and that said Testator in and by his said last will and Testament, and among other things, devised, and bequeath as stated, and set forth in said Bill of Complaint, that the paper filed with said Bill of Complaint, marked M.S. is a true & Certified Copy of said last will and Testaments. This defendant, further answering, admits - That the said William Fischer, in his life time, sold and Conveyed to a certain John A. Steiner, the Real Estate specified, and described in said Bill of Complaint, and That exhibit I.A.S. is a true Copy of said deed of Conveyance. This deed of Conveyance defendant states further, for answer - That sometime during the month of November 1851, the said William Fischer repurchased said Real estate of said John A. Steiner through this defendant, as his agent, for the sum of Twenty two hundred dollars, and paid four hundred dollars in part of said purchase-money, and shortly after died, leaving the residue of said purchase money unpaid. This defendant further answering, admits that said William Fischer, in and by his said last will, and Testament, Constituted and appointed his wife, Harriet Fischer, and this defendant the executors thereof, and that they took upon themselves said Trust, and that Exhibit - E.N.R. is an exemplification of the Letters Testamentary granted to said